

Construction Zone Safety Tips

Don't speed

Obey the posted speed limits. If you're going 60 mph and you pass a sign that says "Road Work 1500 Feet," you will reach the work zone in 17 seconds. And remember, fines double in work zones – so you don't want to be caught speeding.

Heed warning signs

Just because you don't see workers immediately after seeing a warning sign doesn't mean they aren't there. Use caution until you see signs saying you've left the work zone.

Stay focused

Don't get distracted by construction activity, using your cell phone, changing radio stations, etc. Inattentive driving often leads to crashes.

Plan ahead for the unexpected

Normal speed limits may be reduced, traffic lanes may be changed, and people and vehicles may be working on or near the road. So please, allow extra time for travel.

Watch for workers and equipment

Leave room between your vehicle and traffic barriers, trucks, construction equipment and workers. Just like you, highway workers want to return home safely.

Watch for flaggers

If you see a "Flagger Ahead" sign, stay alert and be prepared to obey the flagger's directions. Remember, you can be cited for disobeying a flagger's directions.

Nighttime construction

Generally, construction will happen during daytime hours with intermittent nighttime construction and lane closures.

Involved in a minor crash

Exit at the next interchange or use the emergency pullout locations or crash investigation sites.

Merge quickly

If you see signs or flashing arrows indicating a lane closure, don't wait until the last minute to merge. Drivers who zoom up to the lane closure and force their way into the open lane cause significant traffic delays for everyone else.

Don't tailgate

The most common crashes in highway work zones are rear-end collisions, so remember to leave at least three seconds of braking distance between you and the car in front of you. Allow greater distance at greater speeds.

Construction during special events

Construction schedules will be eased for certain special events, such as Country USA, the EAA AirVenture, Green Bay Packers home games, and Packers Family Scrimmage. There will also be special holiday schedules. For complete schedules, visit www.US41wisconsin.gov.

Park and ride lots

Park and ride lots are excellent locations to meet your carpool or vanpool. Some park and ride lots have a bus stop located within or nearby. A train depot may be nearby as well. There are three park and ride lots on or near the US 41 construction in Winnebago County:

- Oshkosh - US 41 and WIS 44/91
- Butte des Morts - US 45 and WIS 116
- Oshkosh South, US 41 and WIS 26

Traffic enforcement

Local law enforcement agencies will be maintaining an increased presence in and adjacent to work zones to maintain safety. In case of emergency, motorists should pull off the road at a safe location, preferably the next interchange, emergency pullout location or a crash investigation site, and dial 911.

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What's happening

US 41 has long served the residents and travelers of Winnebago County. This important transportation corridor links Green Bay, the Fox Valley and northern Wisconsin to the major urban centers of Madison, Milwaukee and the rest of the country. However, the age of US 41 is starting to show, and the highway is in need of an upgrade.

Originally designed to handle smaller amounts of traffic, the increasing number of vehicles using the corridor is causing frequent congestion. This congestion affects safety and mobility along the highway, in turn inhibiting economic development. To address these issues, WisDOT is planning an expansion and improvement project from Breezewood Lane to Wis 26 in Winnebago County.

The project will:

Upgrade the existing four-lane roadway to a six-to eight-lane* roadway.

Upgrade seven interchanges along the route to modern design standards, including:

- WIS 26
- WIS 44
- 9th Avenue
- WIS 21
- Lake Butte des Morts Causeway
- US 45
- WIS 76
- Breezewood Lane

Include multiple improvements at interchanges such as:

- Lengthen on-ramps.
- Investigate locations for future Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS). These systems provide traffic information to motorists and monitor ramp metering.
- Address access management needs.
- Provide bicycle/pedestrian facilities.
- The addition of roundabouts.

* Lake Butte des Morts Causeway

Winnebago County

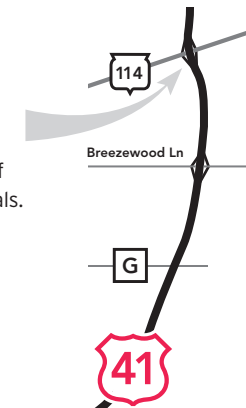
Construction Outlook 2009-2010

Construction schedules are subject to change

The project is slated for completion in 2016.

July 2009 to October 2009

US 41/WIS 114 Interchange Ramp Terminal Improvements: construction of dual left-turn lanes at exit ramp terminals.
Traffic impacts: nighttime ramp closure for paving.



July 2009 to July 2010

Snell Road Overpass: construction of new grade structure across US 41 from Fountain Avenue to Snell Road. **Traffic impacts: US 41 shoulder closure and periodic US 41 nighttime closures.**

July 2009 to July 2010

US 45/Fernau/Lake Butte des Morts Drive Roundabout: construction of multi-lane roundabout on US 45 at the intersection of Fernau Avenue and Lake Butte des Morts Drive. **Traffic impacts: US 45 staged construction with restricted lane width.**

August 2009 to October 2010

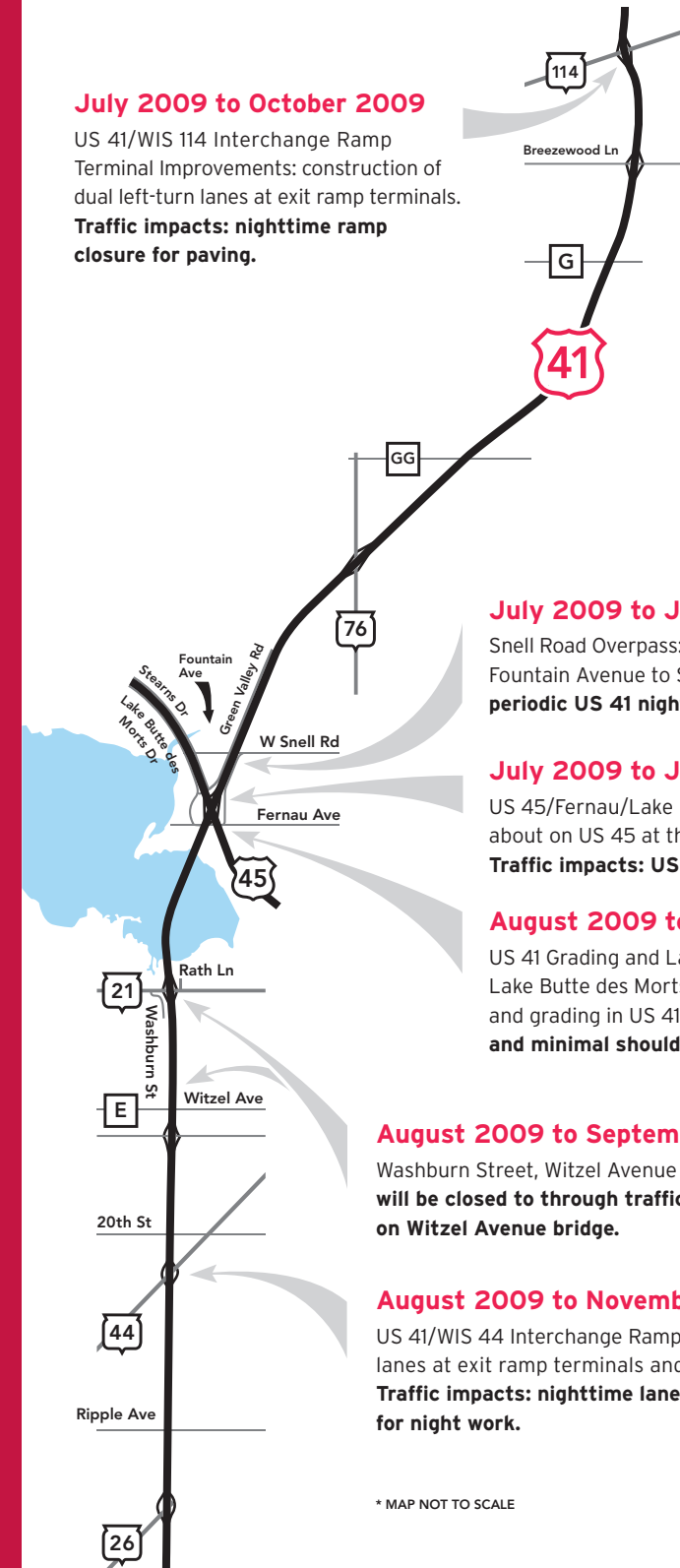
US 41 Grading and Lake Butte des Morts Drive Overpass: grading US 41 southbound into Lake Butte des Morts; construction of Lake Butte des Morts Drive structure over US 41; and grading in US 41/45 Interchange. **Traffic impacts: US 41 southbound lane shifts and minimal shoulders through work zone. Periodic US 41 nighttime lane closures.**

August 2009 to September 2010

Washburn Street, Witzel Avenue Overpass and Rath Lane. **Traffic impacts: Washburn Street will be closed to through traffic. US 41 will have periodic nighttime lane closures for work on Witzel Avenue bridge.**

August 2009 to November 2009

US 41/WIS 44 Interchange Ramp Terminal Improvements: construction of dual left-turn lanes at exit ramp terminals and spot concrete repair on WIS 44 between the ramps. **Traffic impacts: nighttime lane closures for WIS 44 traffic and exit ramps closed for night work.**



* MAP NOT TO SCALE